

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method to enable instant collaboration via the use of pervasive messaging, comprising the steps of:

receiving a call from a caller to a callee

transferring the call to a voicemail system when the callee is unavailable;

determining if the callee is available via one or more instant messaging devices;

querying the caller if they want to leave one among a voice message and an instant message;

recording a voice message from the caller to the callee and generating a text message by transcribing the voice message if the caller elects the option of leaving the instant message;

determining a preferred language for each one of said instant messaging devices, wherein said preferred language is determined according to a user profile corresponding to each one of said instant messaging devices; and

translating the text message into the preferred language of each of said instant messaging devices having said corresponding user profile specifying a preferred language that is different from a language of the text message.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises querying a caller who elects to leave voice message to determine whether the caller wants to also leave an instant message for the callee, wherein the instant message is delivered at a predetermined scheduled time dictated by the caller.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of sending the text message to at least one of said instant messaging devices.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of querying the caller as to when an instant message should be delivered when the caller selected the instant message as an option.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of delivering the instant message to at least one of said instant messaging devices at a predetermined scheduled time as directed by the caller.

7-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A system enabling instant collaboration, comprising:
a voicemail system;
an instant messaging system coupled to the voicemail system;
a processor in the system programmed to:
 receive a call when a callee is unavailable,
 determine if the callee is available via one or more instant messaging devices,
 provide a caller the option among a voice message and an instant message,
 record a voice message from the caller to the callee and generate a text message by transcribing the voice message if the caller elects the option of leaving the instant message,

determine a preferred language for each one of said instant messaging devices, wherein said preferred language is determined according to a user profile corresponding to each one of said instant messaging devices, and
translate the text message into the preferred language of each of said instant messaging devices having said corresponding user profile specifying a preferred language that is different from a language of the text message.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the processor is further programmed to deliver the instant message to at least one of said instant messaging devices at a predetermined scheduled time as directed by a caller.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the processor resides within the voicemail system.

14-17. (Cancelled)